

It's 2004 and Our Communities Can Always Use the Help

One of the staples for everyone at the beginning of every new year is to live up to his/her New Year's resolutions. For some it's to lose weight or get in shape; for others it's to quit smoking. While these are all fine and will help each of you immensely, how about doing something for the community as well? Non-profit organizations are all around us and most are eagerly awaiting new help; blood drives can be organized at work-places; the adoption of stretches of road to clean up are very common. If we all do at least one thing in 2004 to help the community, think of the progress that can be made. Your calling is out their waiting for you. As for me, even with my busy schedule as a full time student and county employee, my goal is to be involved in a number of community improvement activities in 2004.

Hot off the Press ...

NEW GUIDANCE ON SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS ISSUED

Washington (1/8/2004): To encourage violators to undertake projects that will benefit the environment and public health, EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) has released new guidance on the Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) Policy. [\(Click for Full Story\)](#)

KITCHELL TO BUILD RESEARCH FACILITY FOR NAU

The Business Journal (1/8/2004): ... The university's new Applied Research and Development building also will provide a home for incubator businesses in renewable energy, green building products ... [\(Click for Full Story\)](#)

USEPA ISSUES NESHAP FOR SURFACE COATING OF MISCELLANEOUS METAL PARTS AND PRODUCTS

US EPA (1/2/2004): EPA issued the Final NESHAPS Standard for the Coating of Miscellaneous Metal Parts. This new standard applies to Major Part -70 sources of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP). [\(Click for Full Story\)](#)

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS LEADS TO FLAGSTAFF

AZ Republic (1/7/2004): Flagstaff will pay \$38,000 more this year to fuel its 165 garbage trucks, bulldozers and other heavy equipment, but public-works director Bill Menard thinks it's money well spent.

"The advantage is cleaner air," Menard said of the city's decision to use biodiesel fuel. "We aren't under any federal air pollution mandates and we want to keep it that way."

Flagstaff made the conversion in August, switching its heavy equipment from diesel fuel to biodiesel, a mix of 80 percent diesel and 20 percent virgin soybean oil. Biodiesel fuel costs about 19 cents more per gallon than diesel, but it lowers nitrous oxide and carbon monoxide emissions by 50 percent.

"We studied this for more than two years," Menard said of the biodiesel conversion.

NEW TROLLEY FLEET LIKELY TO SMELL LIKE FRENCH FRIES

AZ Republic (1/6/2004): Scottsdale's brand-new trolleys are eye-catching with their blue-and-champagne paint jobs. Inside the engines, however, some ugly grease is working to make the city's air cleaner. [\(Click for Full Story\)](#)

Dear Friends of AZELM,

The year 2003 was a year of Transition for our organization and we now look to provide a solid foundation for success in the years to come. We are moving forward with a strong Advisory Board and new Partners with true visionary leadership.

As you may know, we cancelled the Symposium for Environmental and Economic Development (SEED) in 2003; but SEED 2004 has now been "planted" and we are exploring new collaborations to promote our objectives. I remain highly committed to strengthening AZELM and eager to see it continue to thrive under new leadership.

We all foresee 2004 as being a powerful year – one in which we all will continue to seize opportunities to champion Environmental & Economic Sustainability. The exciting part about a Sustainability Agenda versus an Environmental Agenda is that the holistic sustainable approach involves not only environmental quality but economic advantages and quality of life issues associated with protecting the environment. Let's all work together to develop this meaningful dialogue.

You should hear shortly about our plans to transform AZELM into an efficient, customer-focused, best-in-class organization. The transformation starts right now!

It's 2004, No More Monkeying around !!!

With my Sincere Thanks,

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Calendar Markers:

January 21st

LEARNING ABOUT "GREEN" POSSIBILITIES

Scottsdale Green Building Program Hosts Free Lecture on Improving the Energy Performance of Your Home.

Green-building data indicates that home building energy efficiency can reduce energy bills and indoor pollutants by one-third without sacrificing style or comfort. Homes cause more greenhouse emissions than cars.



LINKS:

[Event](#)

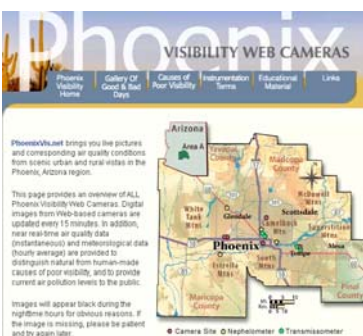
[Scottsdale Green Building](#)

Handy Home Pages:

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) today launched their redesigned and much more user-friendly website. If you haven't had a chance to take a look at the site, head on over and have a gander.



LINK: www.adeq.state.az.us



LINK: www.phoenixvis.net

I had this in the last issue as well. This is a very good site for anyone interested in seeing the current quality of the sky line in the Valley of the Sun. It has links to several web cams located across the valley showing the viewer whether or not the big, brown cloud is making an appearance today.

Handy Home Pages: (cont.)

The NREL (National Renewable Energy Laboratory) has set up a web page called "The Center for Buildings and Thermal Systems." Check it out and learn more about advanced energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

LINKS:

www.nrel.gov/buildings_thermal



The Green Scene:

New Innovative Partnership with Staples, Electronics Manufacturers to Take Back E-waste from Customers

Phoenix (November 26): At the annual International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) Jan. 8-11 in Las Vegas, Nevada, EPA will announce a new partnership with Staples and the Product Stewardship Institute to test a pilot "take-back program" as a new approach for recycling used electronics. The new partnership is part of EPA's "Plug-In To eCycling" campaign that promotes electronics recycling by working with manufacturers and retailers, including AT&T Wireless, Best Buy, Dell, Envirocycle, Inc., Intel, JVC, Lexmark, Nxtcycle, Panasonic ...

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Environmentally Preferable Products

If you are like me, checking tire pressure is a pain. What if you could just look at a tire and know if it's under inflated? These little babies allow you to do just that. Maintaining correct tire pressure helps fuel economy and extends tire life. This type of product not only helps the environment but can save you money as well.



Enter "tire pressure indicator caps" in www.Google.com to find a vendor on the internet.



Only in Wyoming

Hysterical!!

Computer Illiteracy:

(I had these e-mailed to me a long time ago)

1.) Compaq is considering changing the command "Press Any Key" to "Press Return Key" because of the flood of calls asking where the "Any" key is.

[\(Click for More\)](#)

Next Issue:

Review of My Favorite Movie of 2003

Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Off the Subject:

"Peek-a-boo, I see you."

